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Title: *ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMER*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

In the Specification

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/02864, filed July 25, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9920774.8, filed September 3, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An antimicrobial polymer according to claim 1 wherein chromophoric marker comprises a chromophoric group which has a major absorption and/or emission band in the range of from 275 to 1500 nm.
4. (Amended) An antimicrobial polymer according to claim 1 wherein the chromophoric group is a fluorescent group.